Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pleasant Hill Church

RANDOLPH COUNTY, SEAGROVE, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15,

1968

Next session convenes with High Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Monroe, Union County, North Carolina, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1969.

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Proceedings

OF THE 136TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Association met with Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph County, N. C., Friday, September 13, 1968 and continued through Sunday following.

Brethren, Sisters, and friends assembled in the house at 10:00 o'clock and engaged in songs of praise to our heavenly Father, after which Elder E. B. Watts of the Mt. Zion Association of Alabama led in prayer to almighty God for His divine presence and guidance. Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church delivered the Introductory sermon from Hebrews 11:6.

After an hour for refreshments, and greeting old and new friends and kindred in Christ, the Association convened in the house. After a short song service, Elder A. D. McGee of the Original Little River Association of North Carolina led the Association in prayer and proceeded with business as follows: Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church served as Moderator, Brother G. L. Auman, Clerk of Pleasant Hill Church served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the association, which were handed in, read, and their status noted.

Pleasant Hill: Represented by entire membership.

High Hill: Brethren Howard Edwards, Joe Funderburk, Earl Crook, and Ray Simpson.

Park View: Brethren Reed Venable, Brady Johnson, Glen Cole, and Fair Willard.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Shuford Furr, Charlie Hatley, Hobart Medlin, and Bill Fincher.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Melvin Mills, Clayton Griffin, Parks Mullis, and T. B. Curlee.

Union Grove: Brethren Keith Ledbetter, Kenneth Austin,

Bobby Helms, and Melvin Clontz.

Mountain Creek: Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Jerry Vanhoy, Lonnie Eury, and Charlie McSwain.

Lawyer's Spring: Brethren Gradon Helms, Kirby Horne, Wilson Greene, and Elder Joe Helms.

Crooked Creek: Brethren Buford Hinson, Bernard Simpson, W. T. Broadway, and Brown Biggers.

High Point: Brethren Dewey Nelson, Raymond Clark, W. T. Evans, and M. D. Dix.

Meadow Creek: Brethren Ervin Hatley, Verlon Corbitt, Howard Collins, and Ray Eudy.

Watson: Brethren Robert Helms, Wilburn Mullis, Titus Tarlton, and Marvin Simpson.

Bethel: Brethren Carlos Benton, Charles Gore, Dudley Lewis, and Bobby Summersett.

Union: Brethren V. H. Solomon, T. B. Polk, Bobby Harstin, and Floyd Hawks.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Boyce Walker, Burin Williams, Jeff Hardy, and J. M. McClendon.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy and Lester Adams.

Herrins Grove: Brethren D. M. Harkey, J. R. Almond, Claud Herrin, and J. L. Lewis.

Jerusalem: Brethren Floyd Thomas, Fred Baucom, Lee Edwards, and Sister Vada Edwards.

New Hope: Sister Eugenia Campbell and represented by letter.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None presented.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance. Appointed as follows: Preaching: Elders Joe Helms and Brice Haigler, Brethren Wilson Greene, T. E. Ragen, Rankin Richardson and Hobart Medlin. Finance: Elder D. B. Willard, T. B. Curlee, Gradon Helms, L. E. Outen, Howard Edwards, and Elzie Auman.

5. Called for presbytery report: In response to a call for ordained help from Liberty Hill Church, the following formed a presbytery March 30, 1968 and ordained Brethren Hobart Medlin and Charlie Hatley to the office of deacon.

Elders C. M. Mills, H. L. Poplin, Brice Haigler, W. M. Benton, V. V. Willard, D. B. Willard, A. E. Broadway, Joe C. Helms, Rom Kerley, W. G. Fletcher, E. B. Watts, and A. D. McGee. Deacons C. C. Furr, Bill Fincher, Larry Austin, Johnnie Edwards, A. D. McLamb, R. J. Somersett, C. C. Willard, T. E. Ragen, Gradon Helms, Orlin Stewart, Truby High, Wilson Greene, Fred Harkey, Fred Eudy, Ervin Hatley, W. B. Simpson, Charlie Vanhoy, Athel Smith, Claude Parnell, Melvin Mills, T. B. Curlee, Rankin Richardson, Elzie Auman, L. E. Outen, Oren Baucom, Carl Haigler, David Helms, Wilburn Mullins, Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, Thomas Broadway, Buford Hinson, Burin Williams, Jack Moyle, and John Almond.

6. Invited all visiting brethren and sisters from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

Original Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. S. Stephenson, Worth Stephenson, A. D. McGee. Brethren Councel Williams, Z. M. Stephenson, R. M. Hays, Siba Clifton, Freddie Giles and wife, Sisters Texie Honeycutt, Gladys Carroll, Bonnie Williford, Ada Langdon, Bonnie Blackmon, and others whom we failed to get their names.

Original Towaliga: Elder Elzie D. Speir, Jr.

Little River of Georgia: Minutes and Brother Ray Wagner and wife, Debbie Blackwell and Dale Wagner.

Friendship of Georgia: Minutes, No visitors.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: No representation.

Powells Valley: Minutes, Elders Kenneth Robbins and Joe Bowling. Brethren Floyd Melton and Charlie Green.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elders E. B. Watts, O. C. Odem and wife, Brother L. M. Freeman and wife. Minutes.

South Arkansas: Minutes. No visitors.

7. Invited visiting brethren and sisters from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence, who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us:

Ketocton Association: Elder Phillip Johnson and Brother Marvin Galyen.

Silver Creek Association: Brethren Carl McGee and Sam Hartley.

Big Sandy Association: Brother N. A. Mallard and wife, Brother N. A. Mallard Jr., and wife.

Ebenezer Association of Virginia: Elder Charles Alderton. Brethren Raymon Pressley and Aubrey Ultz.

Blue Ridge Church: Elder A. J. Hylton.

Tidewater Church: Elder Frank McCarty.

Community Church: Elder R. W. Turner, Brother W. R. Hylton and wife.

Spoons Creek Church: Elder J. D. Hopkins and wife.

Pleasant Grove Church (Luray, Va.): Elder Ray White.

Little Flock Church: Elder H. S. Terrell.

Claiborne St. Church (Danville): Brother J. F. Lawrence and wife, and others.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Original Little River of North Carolina: Elders D. B. Willard and Joe C. Helms, Brother W. B. Simpson.

Original Towaliga: Elder Brice C. Haigler.

Little River of Georgia: Elder F. W. Stack and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Friendship of Georgia: Lic. Newell Helms and Brother Earl Crook.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elder D. B. Willard and Brother Wilburn Mullis.

Powells Valley: Elder Brice Haigler, Brethren Carl Haigler, Oren Baucom, and Joe Baucom.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elders Brice Haigler, V. V. Willard, Joe Helms, and Brother Kenneth Austin.

South Arkansas: Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond, by move, second and vote.

10. Lic. Newell Helms was unanimously appointed to write the corresponding letter, by move, second, and vote, to be approved at our Saturday session.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morn-

ing at 9:00 o'clock by move, second, and vote.

Benediction by Elder C. M. Mills.

SATURDAY—September 14, 1968

The Association met pursuant to adjournment in the house at 9:00 o'clock a.m. After engaging in songs of praise, Elder O. C. Odem of the Mt. Zion Association of Alabama led in prayer, and the Association continued with business as follows:

12. Called for report from the Finance Committee: Reported as follows:

Received from churches of the Association	$1,121.00
Received from friends	137.00
Total	$1,258.00

13. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from corresponding associations as usual.

14. Called for Corresponding Letter, which was read and approved, and ordered inscribed in the minute by move, second, and vote.

15. Extended invitation for the churches of the Association to request fifth Sunday meetings, and unanimously granted the following:

Semptember 1968—Union Grove

December 1968—Liberty Hill

March 1969—Union

June 1969—Bethel

August 1969—Lawyer's Spring

16. Unanimously agreed to hold the next session of the Association with High Hill Church, Union County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1969, and that the pastor of that church deliver the Introductory sermon, by move, second, and vote.

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote, to have 1400 copies of this minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend same, and that he be allowed $200.00 for printing, mailing, and clerk's services.

18. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above

that allowed in Item 17 to ministers present, and any other associational expense the Finance Committee may deem expedient.

19. Unanimously agreed by standing vote, that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to all the members and friends of Pleasant Hill Church and community for help in every way during this meeting, and all others who have contributed to our welfare and comfort. May God in His tender love and mercy richly bless you all.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place designated in Item 16, after reading the minute.

Benediction by Elder E. H. Simpson.

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator
BROTHER G. L. AUMAN, Clerk
BROTHER OREN N. BAUCOM, Ass't Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches of the Association	$1,121.00
Received from friends	137.00
Total	$1,258.00

Disbursements:

Printing, mailing, and clerk's service	$200.00
Ministers and other miscellaneous asso. expenses	1,058.00
Total disbursements	$1,258.00

CLERK'S NOTE

Surely the presence of our blessed Lord has been felt throughout this meeting. His dear servants coming from near and far all preaching in glorious harmony, that has fed our hungry souls and left us on the mountain top. At the close of the meeting Sunday afternoon, Elder Haigler's little daughter, Cheryl, came forward in tears asking for a home in the dear old church and was received amidst much rejoicing.

The next session will be held on Friday, the Lord willing, with High Hill Church, located just outside the city limits of Monroe, N. C. on Old Concord Road, approximately ¼ mile off N. C. 601 North, and approximately two miles north of U. S. 74. Saturday and Sunday the association is to be held at Unionville School, Unionville, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder V. V. Willard, Heb. 11:6

Friday Afternoon:
Elder O. C. Odem, Gen. 9:8-9
Elder R. W. Turner, Eph. 2:1-2
Elder A. J. Hylton, failed to get text

Friday Night: (Pleasant Hill)
Elder Frank McCarty, Prov. 8:22
Elder Phillip Johnson, Isaiah 1:18-20

Saturday Morning:
Elder A. D. McGee, Failed to get text
Elder Elzie D. Speir, Jr., failed to get text
Elder Charles Alderton, 2nd Kings 4:38
Elder Phillip Johnson, Isaiah 2:2

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder Worth Stephenson, Luke 2:8
Elder Frank McCarty, Gal. 3:9
Elder E. B. Watts, Eph. 5:1

Saturday Night: (Pleasant Hill)
Elder Ray White, Matt. 11:28-30
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Rom. 10:1-4

Saturday Night: (Liberty Hill)
Elder Worth Stephenson, Luke 1:30-46
Elder J. S. Stephenson, John 17:6

Saturday Night: (Watson)
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Matt. 5:1
Elder Phillip Johnson, Matt. 26:36

Sunday A. M.:
Elder Joe Bowling, Remarks and Prayer
Elder A. D. McGee, Eph. 1:1
Elder E. B. Watts, 1 Peter 2:9
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Rev. 22:1-21

Sunday Afternoon:
Elder W. M. Benton, Romans 8
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Romans 1:1

HOME MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS

Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.; 27260; Ph. 882-2820
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107; Ph. 769-2058
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Elder P. H. Young, Rt. 1, Box 304, Linwood, N. C. 27299
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Elder Elzie D. Speir, Jr., Rt. 2, Fayettville, Ga. 30214
Elder O. C. Odem, 125 Walker Dr., Attala, Ala. 35954
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Rt. 3, Fuquay-Varina, N. C.
Elder Worth Stephenson, Rt. 3, Fuquay-Varina, N. C.
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Calvin, Ky.
Elder Joe Bowling, Rt. 11, Hill Road, Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder A. J. Hylton, Rt. 3, Willis, Va. 24380
Elder R. W. Turner, 232 Eastview Dr., Collinsville, Va. 24078
Elder Charles Alderton, Brightwood, Va. 22715
Elder Frank McCarty, Norfolk Va. 23513
Elder Phillip Johnson, Jr., Box 283, Strasburg, Va. 22697
Elder J. D. Hopkins, 415 Edgewood Dr., Danville, Va. 24541
Elder Ray White, 123 2nd St., S.W., Pulaski, Va.
Elder H. S. Terrell

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Greetings to the churches of the Original Bear Creek Association and messengers, together with all corresponding associations and churches.

Thanks be unto God that we can assemble in this simple manner of singing, praying, and preaching. Surely we can say as it is written that, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him, that God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." Blest be that spiritual tie that binds our hearts in Christian love that we can come together from various parts of the country to worship our God, who saves us by His grace alone so that no flesh can glory in His presence.

We believe that Jesus came to save His people from their sins and did it by the shedding of His blood on Calvary's cross. We are satisfied with that and all our obedience to Him is to honor Him Who has saved us that we may receive the joys of our salvation. This is what gives us something to sing, pray, and preach about and draws us together in this capacity.

Jesus is head over all things to the church and has given us the perfect rule of faith and practice in the New Testament scriptures. Let us follow it and leave off the doctrines and inventions of men.

We are thankful for all our visitors, together with the preaching brethren. We pray His rich blessings upon all during this and every meeting, and that you will feel led of the Spirit to come and visit us again in the future. We pray for the welfare of Zion and this continued fellowship. Let us pray for each other, and that without ceasing.

In hope of His mercy,

—Lic. Newell Helms

IN MEMORIAM

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:15)

May the sweet memory of our deceased loved ones live on in our hearts long after their bodies have returned to the dust from whence they came. The following have passed away since our last associational meeting.

Union Grove:
Sister Mary Baucom Love
Brother Vann Rowell

High Hill:
Sister Carrie Broome Edwards

Watson:
Sister Drucilla Hargett Helms

Oak Grove:
Brother Jesse Tarlton

New Hope:
Deacon M. C. Campbelle

Pleasant Hill:
Brother Ijanatus Auman
Sister Sarah Auman

High Point:
Sister Lena Vestal

Jerusalem:
Deacon Crawford Thomas

Mills Chapel:
Sister Nancy Almond Eudy

Union:
Sister Janie Morgan

Crooked Creek:
Sister Ethel Rushing

Liberty Hill:
Brother Ellis Honeycutt

Pleasant Grove:
Sister Dora Griffin Taylor

On Monday after the Association our beloved Moderator, Elder V. V. Willard, received the sad news that his only daughter, Mary Elizabeth Ryan had died as a result of an accident which occurred during the week-end. The entire Association joins with Brother and Sister Willard and her husband and family in their grief. May God's tender love heal the hearts that have been broken by this tragic event.

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

High Hill: Larry Austin, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Park View: Claude Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Road, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107
Liberty Hill: Reece Eury, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. 28129
Pleasant Grove: T. B. Curlee, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C. 28103
Union Grove: Oren Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Dr., Charlotte, N. C. 28205
Mountain Creek: A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C. 28001
Lawyer's Spring: Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C. 28133
Crooked Creek: John Hinson, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. 28110
High Point: H. M. Willard, Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107
Meadow Creek: Fred P. Eudy, Rt. 1, Box 109, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124
Watson: Tommy L. Simpson, 3432 Craig Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28211
Pleasant Hill: G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C. 27356
Bethel: M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C. 28459
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Mills Chapel: Warren Griffin, 309 Caldwell St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Oak Grove: Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C. 29709
Herrins Grove: J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124
Jerusalem: Fred Baucom, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C. 28103
New Hope: W. W. Davis, Rt. 2, Hopkins, S. C. 29061

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Lic. Charles Smith
Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms
High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday a. m., 3rd Sun. night ..... Pastor
Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastors
3rd Sunday Night ..... Lic. Newell Helms
Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday night ..... Elder A. E. Broadway
Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor
High Hill: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice Haigler
Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor
Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Minister by invitation
Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P M. ..... Pastor
Bethel: 2nd Sunday a. m., Sat. night Elder W. M. Benton. 4th Sun. a.m. Saturday night Elds. E. H. Simpson, H. L. Poplin, alterating.
Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M.
Corinth: 1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Rom Kerly

Oak Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Crooked Creek: 4th Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
2nd Sun. night ..... Minister by invitation
Jerusalem: 2nd Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
New Hope: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M. .....
On Communion Sunday preaching time at 10:30 at all churches.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches compossing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ASSISTANT PASTORS	Communion Mo.	By Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms	1 Sept.	7	....	....	....	....	....	1	90	$ 80.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	3 May	3	....	2	....	....	....	2	56	55.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills	1 July	3	....	1	....	....	1	1	102	65.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe C. Helms and Elder C. M. Mills	2 July	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	60	68.00
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills and Elder Newell Helms	2 Aug.	7	....	....	....	1	1	2	195	160.00
Mountain Creek	Elder H. L. Poplin and Elder C. M. Mills	3 July	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	68	75.00
Lawyers Spring	Elder V. V. Willard and Elder Joe C. Helms	1 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	87	53.00
Crooked Creek	Elder A. E. Broadway	4 July	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	46	40.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	4 May, 4 Aug.	4	....	1	....	....	....	1	154	125.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills and Elder Charles L. Smith	1 June	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	77	80.00
Watson	Elder D. B. Willard	4 May	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	35	40.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	3 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	43	60.00
Bethel	Elder E. H. Simpson and Elder H. L. Poplin	5 June	1	....	....	1	....	5	1	82	35.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	1 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	46	40.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	3 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	5.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	2 June	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	63	55.00
Oak Grove	Elder F. W. Stack, Jr.	4 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	9	5.00
Herrins Grove	Elder C. M. Mills and Elder Rom Kerley	4 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	30.00
Jerusalem	Elder A. E. Broadway	2 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	15	40.00
New Hope	Elder Joe C. Helms	4 Aug.	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	8	10.00
	Totals		34	....	7	1	3	8	19	1273	1121.00

Contributed by Friends ..... $ 137.00
Total Contributions ..... $ 1258.00